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Senate Armed Services Committee published yesterday hearings of recent testimony on FY 1964 defense appropriations in which Secretary McNamara responded to query ~~SECRET~~ by Senator Symington who asked whether we could cut expenditures and gold flow by pulling back some forces such as from Korea and Spain.

McNamara replied we have asked ourselves this question but with one exception he did not know of any elements in FY 1964 US force structure abroad that he would recommend for reduction. He thought MAP commitments should be generally reduced in FY 1964 and subsequent years. He then said QUOTE I do ~~not~~ believe we can reduce our foreign base structure, not at the demands of the Russians, but because our systems, Polaris and otherwise, are providing us with capabilities that we did not have in the past. I think we can, for example, substantially move out of the Moroccan bases. I say substantially because I think there ~~might~~ would be certain elements of those bases we will wish to continue, but we can greatly reduce the cost of maintaining them. I think we can do exactly what you have in mind, move substantially out

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Foregoing provided in event GOS raises this with you. Jack Raymond advised Defense that New York Times Madrid bureau reports heard from this Madrid bureau/subject may be on Cabinet agenda today.

~~NNNNN~~ You should avoid getting into K or
~~and~~ repeating statements about Moroccan bases and should GOS query these
you should observe that testimony given prior visit here by King. END.

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